

REMARKS

By way of this Preliminary Amendment, applicants cancel claims 2, 14-35, 66-72, and 75-76. Applicants also amend claims 3-7, 9, 11-13, 36, 38-51, 53-55, 57-60, 62-65, 73-74, 79, and 137, herein. Additionally, Applicants add new claims 139-168, herein.

Accordingly, claims 1, 3-13, 36-65, 73-74, 77-79, and 132-168 are pending and being examined.

The amendments to claims 4-7, 9, 11-13, 36, 38-39, 41-51, 53-55, 57-60, 62-65, and 73-74 merely correct the claim dependency and do not constitute new matter.

The amendments to claims 3, 40, 79 and 137 delete subject matter and do not constitute new matter.

Support for new claim 139 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 2, line 26 and lines 34-35; page 3, lines 24-25.

Support for new claim 140 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 2, lines 36-37; page 3, lines 1-23.

Support for new claim 141 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 2, lines 36-37; page 3, lines 1-12.

Support for new claim 142 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 2, lines 26-29; page 17, lines 4-5.

Support for new claim 143 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 2, lines 31-32.

Support for new claim 144 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 9, lines 20-23.

Support for new claim 145 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 5, lines 15-16; page 8, lines 3-5.

Support for new claim 146 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 8, lines 11-19.

Support for new claim 147 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 8, lines 5-11.

Support for new claim 148 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 3, lines 22-23; page 4, lines 34-37; page 5, lines 1-4.

Support for new claim 149 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 2, lines 36-37.

Support for new claim 150 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 6, lines 2-37.

Support for new claim 151 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 2, lines 36-37; page 3, lines 1-12; lines 22-23; page 4, lines 34-37; page 5, lines 1-4; page 11, lines 13-19.

Support for new claim 152 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 2, lines 33-34; page 12, lines 11-16; lines 22-25.

Support for new claim 153 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 2, lines 26-29; page 3, lines 31-37; page 4, lines 1-33; page 17, lines 4-5; Example 1 at page 17, lines 19-37.

Support for new claim 154 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 2, lines 26-29; page 3, lines 31-37; page 4, lines 1-33; page 17, lines 4-5; Example 1 at page 17, lines 19-37.

Support for new claim 155 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 2, lines 26-29; page 3, lines 31-37; page 4, lines 1-33; page 17, lines 4-5; Example 1 at page 17, lines 19-37.

Support for new claim 156 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 2, lines 36-37; page 3, lines 1-23.

Support for new claim 157 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 2, lines 36-37; page 3, lines 1-12.

Support for new claim 158 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 3, lines 22-23; page 4, lines 34-37; page 5, lines 1-4.

Support for new claim 159 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 9, lines 20-23; page 11, lines 11-13.

Support for new claim 160 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 6, lines 2-37.

Support for new claim 161 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 6, lines 2-7.

Support for new claim 162 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 8, lines 20-22.

Support for new claim 163 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 6, lines 2-7; page 8, lines 20-22.

Support for new claim 164 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 6, lines 2-7.

Support for new claim 165 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 16, lines 15-19.

Support for new claim 166 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 16, lines 15-19.

Support for new claim 167 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 16, lines 23-25.

Support for new claim 168 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 16, lines 23-27.

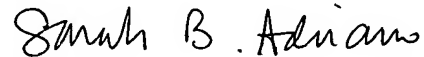
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CONCLUSION

Entry of these amendments and the foregoing remarks is respectfully requested.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306.

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